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## Viewing cable 09RIYADH1170, INDIAN CHARGE IN RIYADH ON SAUDI-INDIAN RELATIONS

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">09RIYADH1170</a>	2009-09-09 07:36	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Riyadh

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SUBJECT: INDIAN CHARGE IN RIYADH ON SAUDI-INDIAN RELATIONS

REF: A. 09 JEDDAH 297  
B. 09 RIYADH 861

Classified By: CDA Ambassador Richard Erdman for reasons 1.4 (B) and (D)

SUMMARY

11. (C) According to Indian Charge d'Affaires Rajeev Shahare, the Saudi-Indian relationship has blossomed since King Abdullah's visit to India  
NOTICEABLE GROWTH SINCE 2006

12. (C) During an August 19 meeting with Poloff, Indian Charge d'Affaires Rajeev Shahare trumpeted recent progress in the two countries' bilat

13. (U) The statistics support Shahare's assessment. According to a Saudi Gazette article marking India's national day, Saudi-Indian trade has  
OBSTACLES TO INVESTMENT REMAIN

14. (C) Shahare acknowledged the relationship was far from perfect, noting a ""disconnect"" between lofty aspirations and the reality on the c  
TREATMENT OF INDIAN NATIONALS REMAINS A CONCERN

15. (C) Labor issues and treatment of Indians resident in the Kingdom also remained a bilateral sticking point. Despite the increased emphasi  
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foreign-labor practices. The Indian government had on several occasions expressed interest in a bilateral agreement protecting the rights of I  
ECONOMICS FIRST, POLITICS LATER

16. (C) Saudi Arabia's post-2006 bilateral focus on economic concerns has, according to Shahare, begun to blunt Saudi criticism of India on th  
SUPPORT FOR BOTH ISRAEL AND THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE

17. (C) The Saudis remain critical of India's good relations with Israel, and the Indian government finds it necessary to re-explain its posit  
INTOLERANCE UNACCEPTABLE

18. (C) India also remained concerned that Saudi funding for religious schools and organizations contributed to extremism in both India and Pe  
COMMENT: WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE...

19. (S) India has significant economic and political incentives to cozy up to Saudi Arabia, chief among them access to Saudi oil and markets, a  
END COMMENT.

ERDMAN